

# Cotton Crop of 1857—Commercial Prospects.

This important crop, to the South, and fast becoming important to the world, is giving concern to many persons at this time, owing to the various opinions expressed about the growing crop.

It is a very commonly expressed opinion that the present crop is about four weeks later than usual. A correct comparison of crops, in growth, blooming and yield, can only be made by reference to facts, embracing a series of years. Many planters have kept journals for years, but they have not been generally published.

The blooming is now considered an era in the progress of the crop, and is a fact often referred to, for the purpose of fixing the question of a late or early crop. A planter of Chambers county, in Alabama, who has been planting for 30 years, and long, 4 deg. adjoining Georgia, in 1843, and long, 4 deg. W. from Washington, has kept a record of the first bloom for 14 years, which is here inserted, with the yield of each year, as shown by the commercial tables. Times of first blooms as follows:

Years	Yield
1843	2,394,003
1844	2,394,003
1845	2,394,003
1846	2,394,003
1847	2,394,003
1848	2,394,003
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1851	2,394,003
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1856	2,394,003
1857	2,394,003

The extremes in the blooming dates are the 7th and 24th of the month, and the average for the 14 years is the 15th day of June for the first bloom.

This year, 1857, is the 12th year instead of being a month later, is only two days later than the year 1846, for 14 years, and is earlier than the years 1856, 1854, 1850, and 1846.

One of the latest crops ever made was in 1852, when the first bloom was on the 17th, precisely the date of the year 1857. The earliest bloom in the year 1846, was on the 7th, but the yield that year was 700,000 bales less than 1848, the year before, when the first bloom was on the 16th.

It is generally reported that the crop now cultivated, so far as the status, quantity planted and condition are concerned, will compare favorably with any previous crop.

The largest crop ever grown was in 1855, when the first bloom was on the 14th, being three days earlier than the bloom of this year, and only one day before the average time.

These dates are not from the Mississippi river or its tributaries, which would be more satisfactory to our immediate acquaintances. Our Arkansas friends have a large interest in the cotton question, and we regret we have no reliable facts on this point, gathered from the Arkansas river. That rich, alluvial valley, where our Nashville friends are planting, is on the line of lat. 34 deg. and long. 15 deg., being 1 deg. North, and 7 deg. West of the location where the above register was kept. In the absence of well ascertained facts, we have taken the date of the first bloom to be the 7th, but the yield that year was 700,000 bales less than 1848, the year before, when the first bloom was on the 16th.

The report from the Arkansas valley, for the first bloom, is 24th or 25th, being only two or three days later than a supposed average date for blooms.

It seems that in lat. 33 deg. there were three years in fourteen, when blooms did not appear until the 22d, 23d, and 24th; and average crops were made in these years.

We infer, therefore, that the crop is not as late as many suppose, and that nothing has happened yet which will prevent an average crop being made, and with a late frost, the crop may be large, quite large.

The number of acres now cultivated with the regularity of stands, will sustain the opinion that 3,500,000 bales may be grown, which may be made in a short season, and which may be made in a short season, and which may be made in a short season.

From the blooming to the opening of cotton, will average about forty days, so that all the blooms previous to the 15th of July will be open by the 1st of September, and the blooms previous to the 15th of September ought to mature by frost. We have, therefore, about 55 days yet of a blooming season, and it is the opinion of many good observers that blooms enough may open in a day on an acre of land, when everything is favorable, to make 100 pounds of seed cotton; the average, however, may be made in a short season, and which may be made in a short season, and which may be made in a short season.

The wheat crop, which has been gathered, and is known to be abundant over the world. The grass crop is one of the finest ever grown. The oats are now ready for the reaper, and a better crop has not been in ten years. The corn crops in the lower latitudes are made, and are excellent. The sugar crop is nearly made, and will be entirely satisfactory. The corn crops in lat. 34 deg. and 35 deg., are nearly made, and are good. The products of the garden are large and fine.

These are encouraging statements, and help to sustain the opinion that the cotton crop, the great regulator of everything, will wind up the yield of the year in triumph.

We predict a season of great commercial prosperity. The price of cotton is high, not so high as lately, but lands, negroes, meat, mules and sugar. The agricultural products of our country constitute a leading element in our national wealth. The advance in prices is no doubt attributable to the annual gold crop of California. We are thus increasing our money, which is the measure of price which enlarges the demand for goods, and the price of goods is raised, and the price of goods is raised, and the price of goods is raised.

The cotton and sugar alone being worth \$200,000,000, the whole production of the year, which must be received and forwarded to the foreign places, by the merchants and banks, must pay an immense sum, and being well paid, must and will sustain their credit with ease and fine profits.

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THE CROPS OF THE WEST IN 1857.—The Cincinnati Gazette has the following estimates of the crop of 1857, compared with the production of 1849, in the nine great grain-growing States of the West. The Gazette says the estimates are based on sound data in relation to increase of population and ratios of production, and on the assumption that the crop of this year will be a full average. Of course providential circumstances may mar this flattering prospect:

State	1849	1857
Ohio	14,500,000	20,000,000
Illinois	10,000,000	16,000,000
Kentucky	2,000,000	3,000,000
Indiana	1,000,000	1,500,000
Michigan	1,000,000	1,500,000
Wisconsin	1,000,000	1,500,000
Minnesota	1,000,000	1,500,000
Iowa	1,000,000	1,500,000

Aggregate, 47,500,000 78,000,000. This shows an advance of 55 per cent. on the production of 1849. The increase of population is about 35 per cent, so we have allowed a large margin for more favorable crops. Looking to the consumption of Indian Corn bread, the consumption of wheat for flour and seed in these States will not exceed 45,000,000 bushels, so that there will be assuming an average crop, twenty-eight millions of bushels for exportation. This is probably double the amount which went out of the northwest to the Atlantic coast.

State	1849	1857
Ohio	50,000,000	70,000,000
Illinois	35,000,000	50,000,000
Kentucky	7,000,000	10,000,000
Indiana	3,500,000	5,000,000
Michigan	3,500,000	5,000,000
Wisconsin	3,500,000	5,000,000
Minnesota	3,500,000	5,000,000
Iowa	3,500,000	5,000,000

Total, 132,450,000 143,000,000. This is an increase of 33 per cent., or about the same with the population. Of this great cereal crop fully one half goes to surplus, partly in bulk, partly as pork, lard, whiskey, cattle, &c. There will be a great surplus in 1857 than in 1850, by 10,000,000 bushels, which is equivalent to an increase of thirty millions of dollars. There will be half the same increase on wheat, and one-fourth as much on oats. The advance in hays, which is already much of it gathered, will be full fifteen millions more, which chiefly appears in the weight of cattle, horses, &c. In addition to all these considerations, we must remember that the crop of 1856 fell below that of 1849 very much. If our hypothesis of a full average crop should turn out true, we think the surplus of the West will be from eighty to a hundred millions of dollars better than in 1856. There is a full demand for these, and our railroads furnish a ready and cheap outlet to all markets.

On motion of Capt. R. S. McComber, a Committee was appointed to furnish a copy of the foregoing to the different papers of the Town, with a request to publish the same.

In response to calls made upon them, the meeting was addressed by Messrs. Blanton, Morris, Riley, Savage, Col. Jno. McRae, and Davis, Esqrs. There being no other business, the meeting adjourned.

Jno. W. Barnes, Secretary.

Job Printing.

We would call the attention of Merchants, Business men and others, to our facilities for executing with promptness and in a superior manner, all orders for all varieties, and solicit a share of patronage by having gone to considerable expense in fitting up our Jobbing Establishment, we are prepared to execute all kinds of Plain and Ornamental work, such as Ball Tickets, Programs, Cards and Circulars, of every description; also Pamphlets, Bill Heads, Bills of Lading, Promissory Notes, Way Bills, Hand Bills, etc., etc., with neatness and on reasonable terms.

DIED.

In Dublin county, on the 1st inst. Mrs. ELIZA HARPER, wife of Mr. Daniel Harper, died at her residence, after an affectionate wife and a kind mother, and was beloved by all who knew her. She had been a consistent member of the Methodist Church for twenty years, and died in the full possession of her faculties. She leaves a husband and one child to mourn her loss.

On the morning of the 2nd inst. JONATHAN EVANS, of the firm of Evans & Co., died at his residence, after an illness of several days, and was buried on the 3rd inst. He was a native of Ireland, and had resided in this country for many years.

On the 2nd inst. EMMA, infant daughter of Mr. H. A. and Mrs. Julia E. Bagg, aged 12 days.

In this town, on yesterday, THOMAS RESTON, aged 14 months, infant son of William L. and Abigail C. Reston, died at his residence, after an illness of several days, and was buried on the 3rd inst. He was a native of Ireland, and had resided in this country for many years.

In this town, on the 31st inst. CHARLES LATHAM, son of John and Sarah L. Nutt, aged 1 year 7 months and 6 days, died at his residence, after an illness of several days, and was buried on the 3rd inst. He was a native of Ireland, and had resided in this country for many years.

THE WORLD'S GREAT EXHIBITION PRIZE MEDAL AWARDED TO C. MEYER.

For his Two Pianos, London, October 15, 1851.

C. MEYER respectfully informs his friends, and the public generally, that he has been awarded the Prize Medal, in London, in 1851.

All orders promptly attended to, and great care taken in the selection of materials, and in the construction of the pianos. He has received during the last five years more Medals than any other maker from the Franklin Institute; also First Premiums at Boston, New York, and Baltimore.

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At an adjourned meeting of the mechanics and working men of the Town of Wilmington, held at Court House, on Tuesday, August 4th, the following resolutions were passed:

The minutes of the meeting having been read, the Committee reported the following Preamble and Resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, There is evidently a determination in some portions of the community to throw the responsibility of a recent outrage upon the Mechanics, a body, thereby subjecting them equally to the reproach attaching to open violations of the law, to a disregard of the rights of the community, and to a reckless indifference to the consequences of their actions; and

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# AUCTION SALE OF PUBLIC PROPERTY.

WILL BE SOLD at public auction, on the 15th day of August, 1857, at Nags Head, in the State of North Carolina, all the public property appertaining to the work for "Re-opening a communication between Albemarle Sound and the Atlantic Ocean," chiefly consisting of a DREDGING MACHINE, with its appurtenances, a STEAM PLOUGH, PELLER, built by Adams, Seale & Co., Philadelphia, Pa.; several SAND SCOWS, TOOLS, MACHINERY, &c., &c.

The terms of the sale are cash upon delivery, payable in specie.

WM. TURNBULL, Auctioneer, Col. T. P. Engineers, Wilmington, N. C., July 29, 1857.

CO-PARTNERSHIP NOTICE.

THE Subscribers have this day entered into a Co-Partnership under the name and style of ALDERMAN & BIZZELL, and have taken the Store formerly occupied by B. B. Alderman, No. 32 North Water Street, where they will keep a constant supply of everything that is kept in a general Retail and Grocery Store; which they will sell at a small advance on cost, and hope by prompt attention to business, to merit a fair share of public patronage.

WILSON'S HARNESSES ESTABLISHMENT.

THE Subscriber respectfully informs the citizens of Wilmington and its vicinity, that he has located a branch of his New York house at No. 5, Market St., near the wharf, where he will keep every description of SADDLES, BRIDLES, HARNESSES, WHIPS & TRUNKS, and all the requisites for the riding and traveling horse. He has also a large stock of SADDLERY, and everything in his line. Having extensive facilities, he will keep constantly on hand the most splendid and extensive assortment of Saddle goods in the State, all of which will be sold at New York prices. N. B. Repairing of Harness and Trunks done by the best workmen, and all orders for Harness executed with promptness and dispatch. MATHEW A. WILSON, Importer and Manufacturer of Harness, No. 59 Canal St., New York, and 55 Market St., Wilmington, N. C., Sept. 12th, 1856.

BERNHARD'S HOLLAND BITTERS.

THE CELEBRATED HOLLAND REMEDY FOR DYSPEPSIA, DISEASE OF THE KIDNEYS, LIVER COMPLAINT, WEAKNESS OF ANY KIND, FEVER AND AGUE.

AND THE VARIOUS AFFECTIONS consequent upon a disordered stomach, such as Indigestion, Acidity, the Stomach, Colic, Constipation, Appetite, Despondency, Costiveness, Blind and Bleeding, &c. In all Nervous, Rheumatic, and Neuralgic Affections, it is innumerable times proved highly beneficial, and, in every case, effected a decided cure.

This is a purely vegetable compound, prepared on strictly scientific principles, and is the most powerful and reliable of the European States, its introduction into the United States, and its use, especially in cases of indigestion, is a fatherland scattered here and there over the face of this mighty country. Meeting with great success among them, it is particularly recommended to those persons whose constitutions may have been impaired by the continuous use of ardent spirits, or other food, or short credit, to prompt customers.

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